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U.S. SENATOR WAYNE ALLARD JOINS REPUBLICAN EFFORT IN DEFENDING MARRIAGE

*Says federal marriage amendment debate 'next logical step'
in countering assault on traditional marriage*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado) said Friday that Senate consideration of the Federal Marriage Amendment is, “The next logical step in addressing the assault on traditional marriage that is being carried out by activist courts.”

“Activist judges and lawyers have been working to redefine traditional marriage in literally dozens of states,” Senator Allard said. “We must not stand still when the courts are being used to challenge and distort civilization’s oldest, most venerable social institution. We will defend marriage as the union between a man and a woman.”

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist this week confirmed that the Senate will debate Senator Allard’s legislation to amend the U.S. Constitution in defense of marriage during the week of July 12. The Senate has conducted six hearings in less than 10 months on the importance of marriage and the judicial threat to traditional marriage. More are expected before the floor debate begins.

“I am pleased that the Majority Leader has decided to dedicate time for a discussion of the defense of marriage,” Senator Allard said. “The move to bring this issue to the floor for debate represents a response to these activist courts through the most democratic of bodies, the U.S. Congress.”

“As the primary Senate sponsor of the Federal Marriage Amendment, I am hopeful that this discussion will highlight the need for Congress to address the judicial threat to traditional marriage,” the Senator said. “Support for this amendment comes from a cross-section of America that believes, as I do, that it is important to ensure that marriage continues to be defined as it has been defined historically and culturally as the union between a man and a woman.”

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